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## July Table Of Receipts

| PRESBYTERY MEMBERSHIP |             | July              | Average Amt. | Behind Standing same |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| 1927                  | 1928        | Receipts per Mem. | per Member   | date last Year       |
| Win.-Salem            | 3225 3279   | \$ 186.59         | 5 1/2 c.     | 27 3/4 c.            |
| Mecklenburg           | 15047 15711 | \$1835.70         | 11 3/4 c.    | 28 c.                |
| Kings Mtn.            | 4814 4970   | \$ 312.25         | 6 1/4 c.     | 28 3/4 c.            |
| Concord               | 10169 10658 | \$ 645.68         | 6 c.         | 31 3/4 c.            |
| Wilmington            | 7646 7498   | \$ 643.84         | 8 1/2 c.     | 33 c.                |
| Allbermarle           | 3609 3595   | \$ 125.40         | 3 1/2 c.     | 33 3/4 c.            |
| Fayetteville          | 11635 11457 | \$ 310.61         | 2 3/4 c.     | 38 c.                |
| Granville             | 4840 5035   | \$ 93.18          | 1 3/4 c.     | 39 3/4 c.            |
| Orange                | 9950 10068  | \$ 296.87         | 3 c.         | 41 c.                |
| Synod                 | 70935 72271 | \$4450.32         | 6.2 c.       | 33.6 c.              |

**EXPLANATION:** The revenue from the Churches needed for the orphanage for the year amounts to \$107,000—an average of \$1.50 per church member, or 12 1/2 cents per month. This table shows each month the contributions by Presbyteries and how far behind or ahead they are on this schedule. The last column shows for comparison the standing a year ago. This does not mean that only \$1.50 is expected from any member, but is used in reporting on large groups like a Presbytery.

At the end of July, the date of the table, we should have received four months income, or fifty (50c.) per member. We have less than half this amount from the leader, about one-sixth from the tail-end. One-third from the entire Synod.

The JULY Table is always more or less interesting because by the time this table is printed, we have the Assembly's Minutes and can check up on membership and compare with the previous years. Last year, if you remember, there was a very decided decrease in membership over the entire Synod. A drop from 73,624 to 70,935. This drop was variously explained, but never satisfactorily explained. This year the membership has climbed back to 72,271, and we are printing in the table the membership this year and last year for each Presbytery. You will note that six Presbyteries show a gain. Three Presbyteries show a loss.

In contributions to the Orphanage, the year closing March the 31st, 1928, showed an improvement in every one of the Presbyteries and was the best year in the history of the Orphanage.

We wish that this rate had kept up, but as this table discloses, the contributions for this year have showed a very decided slump and the Synod as a whole is very much behind this date of last year. In the table you will note that only three Presbyteries are ahead of their standing last year and this by only a small amount.

We know that August is not a good month to talk about money, yet it is a month of our heaviest expense. School starts in this month; school supplies have to be paid for for the year. This and other items without number have to be provided and the whole plant gotten in shape for the year.

Also, a greater number of new children come in in August than in any other one month, as a rule. This means added expense also. Think over these things during your vacation and send us a check which will help us take a vacation from one very serious and possibly unnecessary job—borrowing money.

## The Freshman Class of 1926



## The Davidson Boys

Sometime during the summer months there so many of our larger boys and girls away that Barium Springs seems just the home of small children. This year, it has been somewhat different, as three of the recent graduate girls have worked here during the summer, and four of the Davidson boys, now Sophomores, have spent the summer with us. Walter Fraley and Walter Beattie spent the first half of the summer helping with the crops here, and Walter Fraley is now at work in Statesville, but boarding at Barium.

Also, during the first part of the summer, Bob Johnston and Thad Brock worked in Statesville and boarded at Barium, and for the past two weeks have been at camp with the Statesville Cavalry of which they are members, at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. Thad Brock, Walter Beattie and Bob Johnston being the three Cavalrymen. They came back with wonderful tales of the things there. It seems that Walter Beattie started out to break the world's record in marksmanship, but had an eclipse in the finals and failed to live up to the promises of the qualifying round.

Thad Brock entered the wrestling contests and was headed for the championship for the Camp, and maybe did win this Championship—who knows? He eliminated a couple of men and a third one went to sleep on him, or something of that kind, but anyhow, they called it a "draw."

Bob Johnston entered the Boxing Elimination and won somewhat of the championship in that. His opponent broke his thumb. We don't know whether it was on Bob's head or the floor. Some say he sat down on it. Anyhow since Tunney's retirement, Bob is holding his head up rather high.

Ralph Thomas, another one of our Davidson boys, has been at Camp McLelland, near Anniston, Alabama, and is at home for the last month before school opens. Ralph is now a Senior.

Bob Estridge, another one of the Davidson boys, is working in Salisbury and claims to be more unburned than any of the rest. If this is true, he may have to be identified before he can get in at Davidson. They may refer him to Johnson C. Smith.

Chase Hunt, another one of our Davidson boys, has had several jobs this summer and seems to be finally located in New Jersey. We don't know just what his occupation is. Whether it is sweeping off the sand at the Beach, or gathering the mosquito eggs in the swamps. Chase, wherever he may be, is not long on writing letters.

Just another month, however, and they will all be rounded up trying to persuade Monk Younger that they know more about football than Dr. Harding seems to think they know about Greek.

the latter for thinking of the former.

That's one of the by-products of our watermelon patch this year. It not only filled our stomachs with most delicious meat, but it filled our minds with just as pleasant thoughts when we started to return some of the numerous favors that have been done us during the year.

## Watermelons

THE BARIUM peach orchards are working fine this year, and supplying the Orphanage with just about the amount of fruit that we can consume comfortably. We are eating peaches every day.

We have always tried to raise watermelons here, but never had very good luck with them. Somehow, the watermelon patch always raised more temptations than it did watermelons, and it seemed impossible for the melons to survive the worms, dry weather, blight and boys, to reach full maturity.

This year, we didn't try to raise any melons at all on the Barium Springs Farm, but put in five acres of new ground on the MacDonald Farm in melons.

These ripen much earlier than they do in Iredell and on July 17th, we sent down for our first truckload. The hundred and thirty fine melons that were brought back on this trip filled everybody up at Barium a little more than comfortably, twice. On the 23rd, we sent again and brought 330 melons and again on the 27th, and as this article goes to press we are sending the fourth time.

The second and third loads have brought melons in to us a little faster than we could eat them, as it only takes about 80 melons to go around. So we decided to surprise our friends that were so good to us

at all times, by leaving a melon on each of their front porches.

We loaded up a car with some thirty odd melons and started out. Then we realized something that we ought to have been thinking many times before and that was that our friends were so numerous that it would take the biggest watermelon patch in the world to even go around one time. It seemed that every house we came to, whether in the county or in town, contained people that at some time during the year had done Barium Springs a distinct favor, and we could not pass them up without leaving a watermelon.

Well, the upshot of it was that we just went as far as we could with our spare melons and then did a little pleasant thinking.

Somehow we are so constituted that if anybody does us an injury or slights us in any way it so occupies our minds that we haven't much time or mind left for thinking anything else.

This makes us rather unhappy and sometimes makes us feel as if the whole world was against us and that there's nobody with any good in them outside of our own selves.

It is only when an extraordinary occasion comes around that calls our attention to the other side of the picture that we begin to realize that the people who do us kindnesses are so vastly more numerous than those that do us even a fancied hurt, that we shouldn't have time to even think of

## The Rising Seniors of 1929

THE SAME BUNCH AS ABOVE



English—Pure, Undefined As Is Spoke In New York.

"Ohlooka Hoostillouta jail. Hlo Hairy."  
"Hlo Gus! Cha madeoff witha com-Monys spayroll yet?"  
"Nawitaint biganuff. Say Hairy yagottany tips?"  
"Whattayamean aspairagis tips? Ho-ho!"  
"Yoyknowwhattamean. Tips sonno-markit. Yagottany?"  
"Maybe. Yagottany jack?"  
"Fl fivvany tips, isa fitty-fitty preposition. Etaoin etaoin biznis Preposition. Gemme?"  
"Yougotta noive. Wassa tip hunh?"  
"Nassaloud fgoosakes. Yawan althta street innonis?"  
"Cmawn spillit. Nevva mina street."  
"Wellawright. Anlissenow, Iyaint gonna yell. Playerl. Sgoiunp."  
"Erl hunh? Whattarl?"  
"Ennyerl? Lissengus. Smusbe some p'akala erl. Allaers onnamarkit taint goiunp."  
"Yesseyis. Sbig boom."  
"Lisseagus, thattaint sensabil. Alla-erl onna markit woggowup tawunst."  
"Etwill too. Smerga."  
"Oh smerja issit? Whycha sayso inna foisplace? Smerja skinda diffnt."  
"Yeah sbig merga Igottit offa fella whagottit offa fella whaknows. Sbig boom. Yawanna gitinnon-nit?"—Exchange.

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## THE EVERLASTING HILLS

I love those everlasting hills,  
 Where the soul of man with music  
 fills;

I love each tiny rill and brook,  
 Where nature opens wide her book  
 To teach the wonders of the sod;  
 How each minute and unseen part  
 Was fashioned by a loving God.

The skeptic scoffs the Christian's faith  
 Who looks into His noble face,  
 With love and trust at evening time,  
 Amid those wonders all sublime,  
 And hears the voice from Sinai's crest  
 In thunder tones repeat:  
 "I made these hills and all the rest."

At evening time when all is quiet  
 And whip-poor-will tells of coming  
 night,

I love to watch the shadows come and  
 go,  
 Kissing mountain tops row by row,  
 Until those age-old hills seem to sigh,  
 Reposed in sleep, with bowed heads,  
 Silhouette against the silver sky.

Then "As the heart panteth after the  
 water brook,  
 So panteth my soul after Thee, O  
 God," and looks

With an eye of faith "Unto the hills  
 From whence cometh my help," and  
 stills

Within my breast a troubled sea,  
 As the angry waves were hushed  
 That night by the Man of Galilee.

—Robert L. Johnson

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## The Educational Survey

Something over a year ago at the Educational Conference at Montreat it was decided by the educators there assembled to request the General Assembly to make a survey of the entire educational situation of the Southern Presbyterian Church. The Assembly's Committee of forty-four meeting at the same time, had the matter laid before them and authorized the survey.

Steps were immediately started toward putting this survey on and the twelve months between that meeting and the recent meeting of the Educational Conference has seen quite a bit done in this survey.

The matter was started by Dr. Sweets and was in the hands of Dr. W. O. Thompson, President Emeritus of Ohio State University, Dr. Warren Brown of the University of Chicago and Mr. H. W. Hopkirk of the Child Welfare League of America. Dr. Brown had the direction of the Survey with Dr. Thompson giving special attention to the Seminaries and Mr. Hopkirk special attention to the Child caring institutions.

Many others were associated with these men and the thoroughness with which they went into this tremendous task and the amount of data that they accumulated in the short time so far at their disposal shows that they were not only well equipped to do the job but that they also went at it seriously.

At the recent meeting of the Educational Conference, the findings of this survey with recommendations were laid before the Educational Conference, and we believe that this information and these recommendations if taken seriously by the various departments of our church, are going to result in tremendous good for our educational program.

Many facts were brought out that need some apologies. The fact that they were brought out means they will have to be changed.

The recommendations of the survey include some major operations, or amputations, possibly, would be a better word. When these recommendations go before the various governing bodies controlling these institutions, there is going to be tumultuous debate, and possibly the amputations recommended will not be carried out.

One thing was clearly shown and that was that our Church is attempting to carry an educational load much larger than any other denomination, apparently much larger than our church is able to carry.

This has resulted in the death of some of our institutions. Others have become sick. Possibly a strong debate would cure them. It may be that some operations are necessary.

Anyway, now, since the Stewardship Committee affairs have been definitely settled and are no longer something for Synod and Presbytery to spend too much time on in debate, no doubt the Survey will take the place and be the much talked of subject during the next several years.

This reminds us somewhat of an argument we heard one time between a doctor and his patient: The doctor diagnosed the patient's trouble as acute appendicitis; the patient raised an argument on the question and so fine was his argument that he convinced himself that he didn't have appendicitis. The doctor was non-committal. The whole affair seemed settled except that in a few months the man had a second attack and died.

Our doctors, the men selected to conduct the survey, have diagnosed the trouble in our educational system.

Some of these men are pretty good arguers, but I have no doubt that there will be found in our church courts many that can out argue them. We hope that the final result will not be like the illustration above.

## Case Work

One of the chief indictments in the Educational Survey brought against the Orphanage Work of our Southern Presbyterian Church was the lack of adequate case work.

This term sounds rather learned and mysterious, but it is no more than a careful investigation by a person trained to do that investigation of all the applications that come to the Orphanage. Three of the Orphanages of the fifteen in the Southern Assembly have case workers. We note that a fourth is now putting one on. The lack of such case work has resulted in numbers of children going to the institutions that should not have gone there, or at least that is the interpretation of the Survey Committee.

We have found in our experience that case work eliminates at least four out of five applications and reduces the number of children that are found to be actually in need of this Presbyterian Orphanage to a number that we can reach.

It isn't always easy to do this case work, however, as our decisions after making a careful investigation does not always meet with approval of the people interested in the applications. They do not know all the facts. We have many requests to make an "exception" in a particular case. The people making this request forgetting that we have hundreds of such requests for making "exceptions" and sometimes we fear that our decisions being different from what the community might want, has resulted in a cooling of the interest in this institution at times.

The findings of the Survey Committee in this respect is some what of a comfort to us as it puts the stamp of approval on this feature of our talk and points out that accepting children on any other must inevitably result in the wreck of the Orphanage program.

To illustrate what case work is, we are reprinting here three articles on this. Some of our readers may have read these articles before, but knowing that case work is going to be very much discussed during the coming months we feel that this reprinting will not be amiss.

## CASE WORK

## What is It? And Why?

(By JOS. B. JOHNSTON)

CASE Work as used by orphanages is simply the careful investigation of each individual application by some one who is thoroughly familiar with the aims and purposes of the institution he or she serves, and all the other agencies for child relief operating in the territory in which the application arises.

## The Why Of Case Work Is Self-Evident

It is to find out as much about the child as possible. To discover the possibility of help from relatives. To have definite information to make an intelligent recommendation to the body empowered to pass on the application as to whether that particular institution or some other agency is best suited to meet the needs of that particular child. Above all, to conserve the resources of the orphanage in order that it may serve best those most in need of its help. So much for definitions. Now for a little history.

For nearly all of its existence the Presbyterian Orphans' Home at Barium Springs, N. C., felt that it could not afford the luxury of a case worker. It depended on the superintendent getting his information from the people interested in the case and mainly from pastors in whose congregations the case originated. This method was far from satisfactory, owing to the fact that there is such a wide divergence of opinion held by those not closely familiar with the institution as to who should really go to an orphanage. For instance, here is one pastor who thought that the Orphans' Home was open to all Presbyterian orphans regardless of their need. He was instrumental in placing in the orphanage two families whose near relatives were well able and anxious to care for them. He looked on the orphanage service as a pension for rich or poor alike.

Another good man and pastor thought the orphanage was the place for sub-normal children only; for those children that families usually made failures of. Eleven children came to Barium Springs through his applications. Of these, nine were subnormal mentally. Three of these of a most dangerous type. In both these cases nothing appeared in the correspondence to disclose these facts. These men just thought the conditions were regular according to their conception of the work. We might enumerate instances of this kind ad infinitum, but we don't want to run out of words yet.

Early in 1926 the Board of Regents of Barium Springs decided to put on a full time case worker and pay for it from the income from the Duke Endowment (still feeling that it could not be afforded from the regular Orphanage funds). In July, 1926 this case worker went to work. She (it is a woman) had had previous experience doing similar work with the Red Cross, was full of enthusiasm and seemed to have a lot of endurance.

She was handed a new Chevrolet coupe, a grip full of applications and a road map of North Carolina. Now, at the end of fourteen months we can commence to check up. Here are some figures:

|                              |            |
|------------------------------|------------|
| Number of applications       | 116        |
| Number of children involved  | 362        |
| Number of people interviewed | 879        |
| Miles Traveled               | 27,210     |
| Total Expense                | \$2,924.96 |

## Results

Rejections: 92—relatives able and willing to support; 95—other agencies better suited to relieve the dependency; 38—withdrawn, after a clear understanding of Orphanage work; 7—sub-normal; 7—over-age; 101 accepted or on waiting list to accept; 22 investigations not completed.

Let us analyze these further: The first class was 92 with relatives able and willing to support. These are subject to much closer subdivision.

There were cases where the mother knew that there were relatives able and willing to help, but she did not want to make the suggestion. The relatives were willing but took it as a matter of course that the mother would appeal to them. The case worker in her interviews cleared these misunderstandings up and made everybody happy.

There were cases where one set of relatives were trying to get the children away from another set from motives of jealousy, or sometimes even more sordid motives, especially where some property was involved.

There were cases of misunderstanding where a poor bewildered mother thought it was her duty to the orphanage to send her children here.

And there were cases of outright imposition. One thing they all had in common, however. They all at first looked like urgent cases due for immediate relief and the pastors and sessions all had this view of it.

The second classification of 95 can be divided into a number of smaller subdivisions, too. Quite a number were found to be eligible to State Mother's Aid. Some were already getting this help; some belonging to other denominations, but not wanting to meet conditions required by their own institution make an appeal to us, and sometimes got rather strong endorsement to their applications from friends within the local Presbyterian Church.

(Note of explanation: We do sometimes take in children of other denominations when it is a clear case of destitution and their own institution is unable to help them. There are Presbyterian children in other orphanages for the same reasons. But we do not accept children of other denominations rejected by their own institutions for cause.)

Some of these applications were made because the relatives just liked our school better than the home school, or wanted little Johnnie broken of smoking cigarettes, etc.

The 38 cases withdrawn were for the most part made by people entirely misinformed as to the orphanage's purpose. Some thought the orphanage just a free school maintained by the Church for its children. Some even thought they were due a great note of thanks for searching out children that they thought we could get. All in all, this last class reveals some interesting records.

The next two classifications need no comment.

Finally, out of the 362 children investigated, 101 have been found that seem to be definitely our responsibility and in great need of the relief offered by the orphanage. This number is not so large as to be overwhelming, and it is easily within reason that they can all be reached in time to really help them.

Now, what would have happened without the careful examination of each case? You will note that there were 329 applications that were rejected. Of these 77 appeared from the preliminary correspondence that they were not suitable cases. The other 162 appeared to be urgent, worthy cases that should be given quick relief. In one case urgent letters came in one day from three different pastors widely separated urging quick action, "cutting of red tape," "acceptance by wire," etc. All were writing about the same case, which later proved very far from being an orphanage case.

Without careful case work at least 150 would have been put on the waiting list and their acceptance would have been rushed. This means that in a little over a year the Synod would have had to assume some sort of responsibility toward that many children.

Now, 150 children are a whole lot. Even the way we house them at Barium it would take four big dormitories to house them. At the very lowest estimate compiled from comparative statistics, it would cost \$50,000 a year to care for them, and an outlay in new equipment of \$150,000.

This Case Work has enabled us to search out the 101 children that we can best help, and by advice and help has pointed out other means of relief to that larger number that would have overwhelmed beyond hope our orphanage work.

## Can Any Orphanage Afford Case Work?

Let's put the question differently. If a chance to increase the capacity of an orphanage by fifty per cent was offered for only three per cent increase in cost, and if this also kept the orphanage from doing lots of foolish things to rise up later and mock, can any orphanage afford not to accept that chance?

To do without case work seems to us to be like a charitable hospital doing all the work it can, but not using any funds for diagnosis; to throw away that X-Ray machine, and blindly perform all the major operations that people think they need.

Let this argument sound too one-sided, we must mention one disagreeable feature of the work. Sometimes a church sends us an application, and when we send our case worker to get the needed facts, the church resents what they term our "going behind their back to check up on their report." This resentment has at times been acute, and even though the case work uncovers facts entirely unknown to the church members, and they reluctantly agree that we were justified in our investigation, still this resentment lingers.

Sometimes the information we obtain is of an extremely confidential nature so that we have to announce our decision on a case by unexplained "yes" or "no." This would sometimes arouse the feeling of a saint, and all Presbyterians are not saints—yet.

We hope this one "fly in the ointment" will soon disappear. Most of our pastors and sessions do work with us in this most sympathetically, and we believe the day will come when all will see what we are trying to do and help us.

Perhaps when all our orphanages do this work, all Presbyterians will be familiar with it. It is no more unreasonable than the doctors looking at your tongue and taking your temperature before giving you medicine.

## CASE WORKER

It has been generally agreed that what is known as a "case worker" is essential to Orphanage work.

By a case worker is meant a social worker, whose duty it is to visit any and all applicants for admission in the home; investigate the circumstances in which the child lives; get some history of the family, which includes hereditary diseases, disposition toward industry, sobriety, etc.; to ascertain if there are relatives or friends who can and should take the child or children; find out if a little help to the mother or father would enable the children to be kept at home.

This investigation and report is intended to be as much in the interest of the child as of the Orphanage. It is conceded that ordinarily a child is better off at his home with his mother than anywhere else. Many times a sympathetic worker can suggest and really aid in working out problems without outside help. It is also a recognized fact that all Orphanages, which do not make such inquiry, are subject to abuse by those who feel that Orphanages will have to have children in order to keep going. There are also many parents who would like to transfer their responsibility of rearing their children to someone else.

A case came to our attention some time ago, where a mother was insistent upon our taking her three children. When investigation was made, it was found that the sole reason for such insistence was that she wanted to remarry and the man in the case balked at such a large ready-made family. Once upon a time, a mother came here with her four children, left them without shedding a tear, went home and married within ten days after she had gotten rid of her children. It took us almost a year to return them to her, due to excuses of one sort or another. Finally we put them on the train and wired the mother to meet them.

There are other instances in which it is wholly wrong for us to accept children. Relatives, who are able to support them and do not feel it their primary obligation to do so, should be induced to give them a home. Many other conditions make it unwise for us to undertake the care of some children

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because they really belong somewhere else. This is especially true concerning children of low mentality.

Last month we published a clipping from one of our exchanges recounting that a lady said she was the best friend the Orphanage had in that vicinity, because she had sent several children to the home. Some of our friends, including perhaps some ministers, share that lady's position. The real friend of the child and of the Orphans' Home is the one who endeavors to keep him away from here if possible.

It is recognized that there are many cases where the Orphanage is really needed and must come to the rescue. In all such cases we are here to help and it is our hope to have room for all such who might apply. It is not really right nor just to allow the children of those who seek to shirk their responsibility in rearing them, to occupy our limited space, while the really deserving children are crowded out.

All of this led our Board at its meeting of May 8th to vote unanimously to employ a social worker to make a thorough investigation of every case. It is our judgment, a move in the right direction. Perhaps we have some children here now who should be at their home or somewhere else, and it is clearly not our place to support a child, whose parents or relatives are able to do so, or to try to properly rear children whose mental capacity is so low that they are not able to take the education or training, such as we are able to give. It is nothing short of imposition upon us and the Church, which supports us, to be charged with caring for children who should be cared for in private homes, or who should be in some institution equipped to give them industrial training. We have not the funds nor have we the disposition to undertake to equip the Home with work-shops and industrial facilities.

We are, therefore, charged with employing a competent worker as soon as she can be located, who can, with tact and helpful advice, serve the children who apply here for admission, as well as the Orphanage. Of course there are mothers who are not worthy of the name of mother. In that case it is proper for the child to be separated from such a mother.

But at the best, an Orphanage is not a home in the real sense of the word. It is an institution and is obliged to be conducted upon institutional lines.

As we said above, we believe this action of our Board is a move in the right direction and in favor of all who are interested.

—The Bulletin, Lynchburg, Va.

## HOW CHILDREN GET IN

The New Way

By Miss Charlotte Leeper, Case Worker of Thornwell Orphanage

The President has given in the previous chapter the methods formerly employed for deciding upon the admission of children to the Institution. He has requested me to give a brief statement of the present plan of procedure.

Before doing this it might be well to remind the reader that hardly any other field of study has elicited greater interest or more serious and careful consideration than the subject of the orphan and dependent child during the past dozen years. The whole subject has been considered from every possible angle. It has come to be clearly recognized that the question of meeting the need of the child under consideration is not a simple one, but it may be a very complex one. It may have a vital bearing on the mother, if living, and other relatives. It may have an important social relation to the community or the church.

The conclusion reached by students in this field is that the whole problem growing out of or centering in the child must be considered and solved if possible.

The Home is recognized as the foundation upon which the republic and the church must rest. There are social and spiritual values there that must be conserved and developed. The whole family, and it may be the larger social group, must be strengthened. This means that workers trained to make a careful study of the case should be set to the task and as nearly as possible diagnose each case.

If the situation can be met without bringing the child to the Orphanage, well and good. If the child must be brought to the Institution it is important that a complete "case record" be had. The authorities need to know the background of inheritance, environment, physical condition, mental capacity, etc.

Just as a physician would not undertake to treat a case without studying the fact revealed by a thorough diagnosis of the patient, so workers with children need just as careful a diagnosis. It is the effort of the Case Worker to secure the facts and put them in the hands of the administration.

This work may be illustrated by giving a synopsis of two fairly representative cases:

**Case Number One.** Application was made for the admission in Thornwell Orphanage of two boys, aged ten and thirteen, full orphans, who were living with their sister. As they were members of the Methodist Church, the application had been endorsed by both Presbyterian and Methodist ministers. Both urged their admission on the basis of their being full orphans.

The case worker investigated and found the following facts: The brothers lived with their sisters in an attractive bungalow, in one of our larger towns. The home had been built by the family and partially paid for. The mother had been an invalid for a number of years before her death so that the oldest sister had always managed the children. She was staying at home and would be there to look after the boys as long as they remained in the home. The two sisters were working and had a combined income of \$150.00 a month. In addition to their home they owned a 38-acre farm. This did not appreciably increase their income, however.

The two boys were unusually bright and attractive fellows. They had always helped at home and were happy to work and play together. The sisters had applied to the Orphanage because of the educational advantages, and because their mother had suggested it. When it was explained to them how beneficial it would be to the boys to have them grow up together, sacrificing and working for each other, they agreed. They began to plan how the boys could work their way through college when they completed high school. The whole atmosphere of the home was good.

On the basis of the application this looked like a case for the Orphanage. The ministers who signed the blanks were surprised when they realized the true situation. They had been influenced by the superficial facts.

Thus an investigation by a case worker prevented a home from breaking up. The character of the sisters was strengthened by letting them have the responsibility of the two boys, and the boys themselves have the benefit of a family life. Lastly, the Presbyterians were saved the expense of caring for these two boys, leaving a place in the Orphanage for those who are really destitute.

**Case Number Two.** A number of citizens in a small community near Clinton sent an urgent request to Thornwell Orphanage for the admission of an eight year old boy, John, who was living with his aunt, Mrs. B. The boy was an orphan and his brothers and sisters had previously been admitted into the Orphanage. The relatives of the boy also urged that he be admitted into the Orphanage. The aunt lived in a shack with her elderly husband. She had had pellagra for fourteen years, and alternately mistreated and indulged the boy. They were so poor that it is doubtful if they were able to give him the proper food.

In spite of their inability to care for him they tenaciously refused to give him up. Mrs. B. threatened to kill the person who would attempt to take him away from her. She stated openly that he would never be put in the Orphanage except over her dead body.

The case worker visited her in order to study the situation from her point of view. The worker met her on the basis of trying to give her sympathetic help in working out her problem. She spoke of the work done by the Orphanage in fitting boys for life. Several visits were made endeavoring to show Mrs. B. that she and the worker were friends both working for the same end—the good of the child. On the third visit, Mrs. B. asked the visitor if it would be possible for her to place John in Thornwell Orphanage. The worker took her to Thornwell Orphanage when she took John and thoroughly satisfied her as to the service Thornwell could render her boy. While her separation from him was tragic, as she had a genuine love for the child, she is satisfied as to the wisdom of it.

The worker has continued her contacts with Mrs. B., trying to help her improve her condition. During the last visit she told the worker she had given up snuff, was planning to move into a better house and had started improving her personal appearance. She looks upon the Orphanage and worker as her best friends and seems happier than she has been in a long time.

Thus her love for the boy, which was a positive and valuable thing, was not destroyed but utilized as the basis for helping her and John. She was given sympathy and understanding, perhaps, for the first time in her life. She is responding to this treatment whereas the antagonistic attitude of the others had only caused her to be stubborn and resentful. The community, and even her relatives, were trying to force her, with police power if necessary to relinquish her claims on John. Because of her fear that he would be taken away from her forever, she was fighting for him as best she could. Neither could see the other's viewpoint.

## SUPPORT FUND

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| Charlotte 2nd. Aux.                            | 2.00   |
| Pinehurst Church                               | 6.92   |
| Wilmington First Church                        | 50.00  |
| Wilmington First Aux.                          | 50.00  |
| Antioch S. S.                                  | 7.50   |
| Wilmington Church, Covenant                    | 167.70 |
| Montpelier Aux.                                | 7.50   |
| Back Creek Aux.                                | 1.00   |
| Sherrell's Ford S. S.                          | 6.44   |
| Brotherhood Bible Class, Salisbury First S. S. | 25.00  |
| Westminster Aux., Greensboro                   | 12.00  |
| Caldwell Mem. Aux., Charlotte                  | 3.75   |
| Robinson S. S.                                 | 10.00  |
| Elmwood S. S.                                  | 1.42   |
| Lexington S. S.                                | 14.07  |
| St. Andrews Church                             | 43.00  |
| Mens Bible Class, Cramerton                    | 16.67  |
| Mt. Olive S. S.                                | 9.70   |
| Warrenton S. S.                                | 3.18   |
| Union S. S.                                    | 2.44   |
| Laurel Hill Church                             | 4.99   |
| Red Springs S. S.                              | 5.00   |
| Statesville First S. S.                        | 72.56  |
| Westminster Aux. Charlotte                     | 10.00  |
| Raleigh First Aux.                             | 11.00  |
| Back Creek S. S.                               | 11.28  |
| Union S. S.                                    | 4.80   |
| Broadway Church                                | 6.64   |
| Buffalo Church (L)                             | 6.55   |
| Burlington First S. S.                         | 1.87   |
| Church by Side of the Road, Aux.               | 7.50   |
| Cross Roads                                    | 3.90   |
| Fairfield                                      | 1.88   |
| Greensboro First Aux.                          | 22.50  |
| Griers                                         | .30    |
| Burlington Second                              | 3.07   |
| Bessemer                                       | 2.25   |
| Hillsboro                                      | 6.00   |
| Jonesboro Church                               | 3.20   |
| Jonesboro Aux.                                 | 8.60   |
| Mebane                                         | 13.12  |
| Mebane Aux.                                    | 15.00  |
| Piedmont                                       | .44    |
| Sanford                                        | 11.80  |
| Stony Creek                                    | 3.75   |
| Westminster (O)                                | 45.00  |
| White Hill                                     | 2.62   |
| Yanceyville                                    | .31    |
| Pittsboro                                      | 4.00   |
| Winston-Salem First                            | 150.00 |
| Maxton Church                                  | 42.16  |
| Sanford S. S.                                  | 13.64  |
| Albemarle                                      | 18.75  |
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| Bethel                                         | 15.50  |
| Bethel Aux.                                    | 7.00   |
| Central Steele Creek                           | 25.00  |
| Cooks Mem.                                     | 17.00  |
| Cornelius                                      | 7.00   |
| Hamlet                                         | 35.75  |
| McGee                                          | 3.90   |
| Mulberry                                       | 15.00  |
| Paw Creek                                      | 20.00  |
| Philadelphia                                   | 4.00   |
| Pineville                                      | 3.50   |
| Pleasant Hill                                  | 23.91  |
| Ramah                                          | 24.00  |
| Seversville                                    | 76.00  |
| Sugar Creek                                    | 39.25  |
| Thomasboro                                     | 4.75   |
| Wadesboro                                      | 18.75  |
| Waxhaw                                         | 10.00  |
| Williams Mem.                                  | 3.75   |
| Steele Creek church                            | 91.50  |
| Steele Creek Aux.                              | 13.50  |
| Marion S. S.                                   | 3.00   |
| Church of Covenant Lowell                      | 4.82   |
| Lincolnton First                               | 23.50  |
| New Hope                                       | 2.61   |
| Rutherfordton                                  | 6.48   |
| Union Mills                                    | 6.98   |
| Rocky Mt. S. S. First                          | 20.00  |
| Cornelius S. S.                                | 12.85  |
| Parsall Mem. S. S.                             | 3.00   |
| Howard Mem.                                    | 16.50  |
| Westminster, Charlotte                         | 120.00 |
| Kings Mt. First                                | 32.50  |
| Red Springs Aux.                               | 19.12  |
| Smyrna                                         | 13.60  |
| Burgaw                                         | 6.37   |
| Hallsville                                     | .28    |
| Mt. Zion                                       | 4.95   |
| Stanford                                       | .61    |
| Rocky Point                                    | 1.42   |
| Teachey                                        | 1.50   |
| Woodburn                                       | .75    |
| Stanford                                       | .61    |
| Cooleemee S. S.                                | 4.35   |
| Bethel S. S.                                   | 4.80   |
| Charlotte Second Aux.                          | 15.00  |
| Calypso S. S. B. C.                            | 8.00   |
| Godwin S. S.                                   | 5.00   |
| Shelby Church                                  | 41.82  |
| Long Creek S. S.                               | 2.31   |
| Winston First Aux.                             | 30.00  |
| N. Winston Aux.                                | 3.00   |
| Raynaldia Aux.                                 | 30.00  |
| N. Wilkesboro Aux.                             | 18.00  |
| Mocksville Aux.                                | 12.00  |
| Gastonia First Church                          | 125.00 |
| Jacksonville Springs S. S.                     | 4.86   |
| Antioch Aux.                                   | 4.00   |
| Back Creek                                     | 3.96   |
| Bayless Mem.                                   | 1.50   |
| Bethpage                                       | 3.04   |
| Concord Second                                 | 4.31   |
| Davidson                                       | 22.50  |
| Franklin                                       | 3.70   |
| Gilwood                                        | 4.32   |
| Kannapolis                                     | 6.77   |
| Mooreville Second                              | 46.93  |
| Poplar Tent                                    | 1.63   |
| Prospect                                       | 4.47   |
| Salisbury First                                | 53.25  |
| Salisbury Second                               | 2.71   |
| Shiloh                                         | .83    |
| Third Creek                                    | 10.13  |
| Thytira                                        | 10.87  |
| Unity                                          | 2.17   |
| Grove Church                                   | 2.00   |
| Greensboro First Aux.                          | 22.00  |
| Highland Church                                | 44.22  |
| Raleigh First                                  | 37.50  |
| Albemarle Presbyterian                         | 50.00  |
| Winston-Salem First S. S.                      | 75.15  |
| Sanford                                        | 10.31  |
| Clarkton S. S.                                 | 11.84  |
| Philadelphia S. S.                             | 19.45  |
| Greensboro First Aux.                          | 24.00  |

## LOCAL ITEMS

### News of Interest From Over the Campus

With the thermometer hovering around the 100 degree mark for the last week or ten days, Barium Springs Orphanage folks have found the swimming pool a popular mecca.

Truck loads of large lucious water-melons from the MacDonald Farm have begun to make their appearance here within the past two weeks. Thanks to Mr. A. L. Brown the farm superintendent.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Johnson left July 23rd for their vacation in Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee.

The coming and going of vacation-ists in the Barium family still continues. But this reached its peak last month, when over half of the family was away. These have returned and others have left since last week.

Mrs. W. T. Walker of Millboro, Va., was among the recent visitors on the campus.

—P. O. H.—

## ALEXANDER and DAIRY

We are having a fine time eating watermelons down at Alexander.

The dairy has some new calves. We are milking about thirty-five cows and they are giving 100 gals. of milk a day.

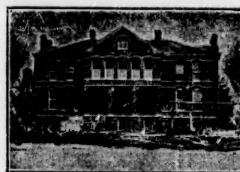
The dairy boys, printing office boys and the farm boys went on a picnic to Lookout Fishing Club along the Catawba River Friday, July 20th, and had a big time.

Mr. Privette is going to take his vacation the 25 th of July, and Buck Jackins is to be our "boss" in his place.

By NEWTON BROWN

—P. O. H.—

## LEES' COTTAGE



We sure enjoyed the watermelons that came from McDonald Farm.

On Friday July 20th, the farm, printing office and dairy went to Lookout Dam on a picnic. We started right after breakfast and came back at 3:30. Lots of the boys had sun-burned backs and sore shoulders. We had lots of fun riding in the boats. The boys who have not had a vacation are going on a camping trip the 30th of July.

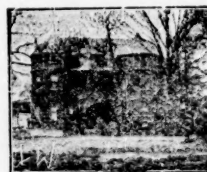
George Savage went on his vacation to Wilmington on the 24th.

We enjoy the good biscuits for breakfast as well as the peach pie for dinner. We thank the kitchen group.

Our matron went to visit her son and daughter in Richmond last month. Sidney Parish and Fred Edwards and several others from Lees are on their vacation and we are looking forward to their return.

Ned MacKay  
Elliot Yarbrough  
—P. O. H.—

## ANNIE LOUISE COTTAGE



How is everybody? We feel fine, and are having the time of our lives playing, and eating peaches, apples, and watermelons. My, what big watermelons we get. They are so good and sweet. These come from the MacDonald Farm and they surely can raise watermelons down there!

We have two more new girls—Margaret Hendrix and Lucile Burney. We hope they will be happy with us for we are so glad to have them with us.

The other evening, all of us went for a long ride in the truck. We went as far as Harmony. After such a nice ride we certainly felt cooled off and we were ready for bed. Mr. Lowrance let us have the truck and Ralph Hunt drove for us. We thank both of them ever so much.

We have lots of nice flowers in our flower gardens. We water them every morning and evening.

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| Lakeview S. S.           | 2.25  |
| Alamance Aux.            | 6.00  |
| Franklin S. S.           | 11.10 |
| Greensboro First Aux.    | 12.00 |
| Statesville First Church | 71.99 |
| Eureka Church            | 10.00 |

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## A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Smile in your mirror and it smiles back at you; look pleasantly at the world and it reflects your good natured looks; cultivate a warm feeling toward all men and they radiate and give back the warmth. Deal justly. Trade on broad principles. Be not too jealous of your rights. The world—mankind—soon discovers where it is well treated and it trades there.

Be loyal to your clerks and they will return it in loyalty. Trade on broad lines, buy of broad people, treat the public generously and success is sure to come—a success that is worth the winning and keeping and cherishing. Be exacting, carping, looking carefully for your little rights, and sure as the sun shines the world will have its eyes on you, watching you in a way that you do not care to be watched. Keep sweet and move on.—Batten's Wedge.

—P. O. H.—

## THINK AHEAD

The two most important problems for this Nation to solve, perhaps, are: How to grow forests sufficient for the National needs; and how to prevent pollution of all inland and coastal waters.

A sure sign of the decadence of a people is the decadence of their forests. Look at your maps of Europe, Asia, and Africa. Where forests fail people fail.

It is scarcely worth repeating that, as a race, we have been generous to the point of extravagance and waste. Generous to ourselves, to the stranger, careless to prosperity.

It takes God a hundred years to grow a white pine. It takes a jackass ten minutes to fell it.

It requires centuries to clothe a mountain with noble foliage. A fool and his cigarette can set a fire and destroy it in a day.

The truth is what we live for ourselves and for the pleasure of being indulgent and self-sacrificing. Stupidly so.

Not one in ten thousand among us has thought to build for the remote future and for the good of our children their children—for the general good.

That prudence, that good citizenship that human obligation few of us ever have considered or practiced. After is the deluge. That's what it amounts to, though we don't admit it.

—News Letter, U. N. C.

## RUMPLE HALL

Well, we're still half-living, partly in the swimming pool and in our cottages.

This is fine weather isn't it? Mighty hot!!

Most of the girls in our cottage have been on a vacation and all report a good time.

We are all enjoying watermelons, peaches and other fruit from the farm. We have also had some nice rides in our new truck. It rides just fine! Last Saturday we had a ride to Taylorsville. We bought some candy and ice cream. We Rumble girls enjoy rides so much after we get through with our work in the dining room at nights.

We are fortunate to have Miss Buck, a new matron, with us. We all like her just fine.

We have had our dining room floors painted, and they look better too.

The dining room girls are glad for several reasons first we don't have to scrub the spots off the floor (as we use to) and the floor sweeps easier. (Seems lazy doesn't it?)

Everyone (most) are holding their arms as we go about on the campus, because we have been "punched" for typhoid fever.

We have had many visitors on the campus this week. We hope they enjoyed themselves, and come again.

We are getting tired of writing and must close.

Eula Lee Walton and Nettie Miller.

—P. O. H.—

## SYNOD COTTAGE



Our family has grown smaller since our last news. About fourteen have been gone, but five of them came yesterday. (July 16).

We were all inoculated the other day for typhoid, and not one of us cried. Our arms are stiff and mighty sore, but, that is much better than having typhoid fever.

Miss Turner left for a vacation last week and will be gone for a month. We all miss her very much, and will be glad to see her back.

We stayed away from the fruit while it was green, and now we are getting as much as we can eat.

Miss Anne Faysoux Johnston comes every day and takes us to the swimming pool and to walk; and we surely do enjoy it.

## Typhoid Innoculation

A QUESTION that is often asked us and one that we are always glad to answer is, "I suppose you have a bit of sickness among the children, do you not?" And our answer is "No." The reason for that is that we spend so much effort in preventing sickness that we do not have to spend so much time in curing sickness. In this respect the Orphanage population is much more fortunate than the ordinary lot of children. We do not employ a doctor here to cure our ailments, but we do employ one to keep us well, as far as possible.

We have clinics several times during the year checking over every child here and in this way numerous tendencies are corrected before they become serious. Bad tonsils are discovered and removed. Bad teeth are noted and dental work done, etc. Sometimes a bad heart is located and the particular child stopped from such work or play as might be injurious.

Then, every third year, every person on the place is given the typhoid inoculation, and the younger children given toxin-antitoxin, and during the winter months checked up on small pox vaccination.

We have just about finished the typhoid inoculation for this year.

Now, walking up to a doctor and having him stick a wicked looking needle right down in your arm doesn't have very many attractions, even to a grown person. A little kid quite often needs a mother to hold its hand to give it courage to stand this ordeal.

Our little kids just line up and march in, and if any of you who read this have any doubt as to the innate courage of our folks, you ought to witness this wholesale arm punching sometime.

Our children just line up and march in. Any courage that is necessary to carry them through this ordeal without breaking down or crying has to be furnished by themselves and to see a bunch of little tots—all under six—march up, one after the other, look straight into the doctor's face, let him "punch 'em" as they call it, and then march out without a tear in their eyes, just gives one a little more faith in the human race and makes us grownups just a little bit ashamed of ourselves for sometimes quailing in circumstances that are not quite so serious as these occasions may seem to these small children.

In all of the three "punchings" for our over three hundred children, there have been three crying spells. One a little three-year-old boy and two little girls that had just returned from vacations and in their cases the tears were very close to the surface anyway.

## EXCHANGES and Wheezes

Maybe So

Love is like an apple pie—a little crust and lots of applesauce.

On Dress And Dressing

Girls when they went out to swim, Once dressed like Mother Hubbard; Now they have a bolder whim; They dress more like her cupboard.

His Credit Established

Salesman—"How much is Bill Jones good for?"

Credit Man—"Does he own an automobile?"

Salesman—"No."

Credit Man—"Let him have all he wants."

The Tax On Amusements

Judge—"I fine you \$1.10 for beating your wife."

Prisoner—"I don't object to the dollar, but what's the ten cents for?"

Judge—"That's the Federal tax on amusements."

Who Holds The Currency Now?

Tourist—"Can you cash this check for me?"

Local Banker—"We haven't got that much but I'll take you over to the filling station and introduce you."

Nonchalance

A young man of questionable character arose from his table in a fashionable dining room and walked toward the door.

He was passing a house detective at the entrance when a silver sugar-bowl dropped from his bulging coat.

The guest glanced calmly with an expression of polite annoyance toward the occupants of the room. "Ref-fians," he said. "Who threw that?"

"What's the matter, little boy?" said the kindhearted man. "Are you lost?"

"No," was the manful answer, "I ain't lost—I'm here. But I'd like to know where father and mother have wandered to."

A New York city school teacher tells about a little boy whose coat was so difficult to fasten that she went to his assistance. As she tugged at the hook, she asked: "Did your mother hook this coat for you?"

"No," was the reply, "she bought it."

—P. O. H.—

## JENNY GILMER COTTAGE



The first thing one thinks of when writing is the weather. I guess the reason of this is the discomfort we are in and I am here to tell the world it's hot enough for anybody around this part of the state.

Since the weather is so warm naturally the most popular place on the campus is the swimming pool. It feels fine after a hard, hot day of work. Peaches and apples are two things that are plentiful on the truck farm. Hardly a day passes unless each cottage receives a couple of buckets of apples or peaches. That is what is keeping the truck farmers busy these days.

Our numbers are increasing steadily now since most of us have had our vacation. Only a few remain who have not been home yet. Guess they will go soon in order to get back in time to start practicing football the 15th of August.

The Farm, Dairy, and Printing Office groups took a day off and had a picnic on the shores of Lake Look-out on July 20th. All report a fine time. Mr. Grier also entertained part of his group in Charlotte on July 25th.

Robert Pittman, one of our number, was so unfortunate as to return from home with appendicitis. He has undergone an operation in Davis Hospital and must be getting along extra good as he has returned to the campus and is up walking around.

The farm gang is having a job keeping the grass out of the corn with hoes and cultivators.

We have been having some good pictures lately due to the generosity of the Charlotte film people. Among the best lately was Harry Langdon in "Long Pants." We appreciate this very much and would like to express our thanks in a more prominent way.

Well, here's hoping its not this hot the next time you hear from us.

## CLOTHING MONEY

Mrs. P. M. Williams, N. Wilkesboro 25.00  
Aux. Lumber Bridge 22.50  
TOTAL \$202.00

## BABY COTTAGE



July seems to be the month for vacations at our cottage. First Evelyn and Katherine Trollinger left late in June, then Evelyn Coppage, R. C. Miller, Hugh and Pleas Norman and Henry Pittman. All these are back and Ernestine and Polly Garnett.

Louise Sluder had a nice time at Banner Elk with Mrs. Pennel and family.

Esther Archer, Sara Donaldson and Anna Colvin are away now. We miss them all very much and will be glad when all are home again. Miss Moore had a pleasant visit to her family at Lexington Va.

Miss Helen Herman had as her guest Miss Sarah Routh of Spartanburg. We enjoyed her visit so much.

Miss Helen Herman is away now and we miss her very much.

Tom McCall said he was going to kiss Evelyn Coppedge. Evelyn said "No, you won't." Tom said, "You will see." Evelyn said, "No, I won't because I will shut my eyes."

The Baby Cottage has been such a busy place this month that we have hardly had time to think of letter writing.

Some of us have been on our vacations and had such a good time.

First Evelyn and Cathrine Trollinger went to their mother for two weeks, then Hugh and Pleas Norman and Miss Moore left the same day. Miss Helen Herman substitutes for Miss Moore and she was mighty good to little boys. She cut hair—most like a real barber and she dresses us up and takes us riding in her pretty car every day. She would take boys one day and girls next day just like Mr. Johnston does. And one day she got Mr. Norton's big car and took every child at Baby Cottage and we had a great time!

Evelyn Coppedge grew ever so much while she was gone on vacation and her pretty Mamma came back with her and spent a night with us. We all call her "Mamma". Ernestine and Polly Garret are gone for vacations. Their Mamma came for them and we are looking forward to their return. A surprise awaits Ernestine when she gets here, she'll go to Annie Louise to live, because she is over six years old. We were all sad a few days ago (and somebody cried.) Mary Penn, Nancy, and Lucile went to Annie Louise and Nelson and R. C. went to Synod to live. They are getting acquainted with larger little folks and ready to start to school.

Hugh Norman came from his vacation with chicken-pox and spent a few days at the Infirmary, but he is home now. Pleas is a greater crybaby now than he was when he first came to live with us. You see that is sometimes what vacations do for babies.

Jack and Tom and Lillian Sanders talk every day of going on vacation but they are too young and we can't give them up this summer. Anyway they do not want to go. They have heard vacation talked so much that they think going anywhere is vacation. Jack and Tom were made happy yesterday by a box received in mail containing two beautiful little suits. Mrs. Wooten sent them. They talk of Mrs. Wooten; often call themselves "Wootie's Babies!"

Sometimes Jack will say to Mrs. Herman "Hermie" "lets get on the big bus and go see Wootie way down to Alabama".

We are getting so well drilled in politeness and table etiquette. Rachel asked Sarah Parcel at dinner table if she had a handkerchief. Sarah had a slight cold and Sarah answered, "No thank you!" And when we are asked if we've had quite enough dinner some of us say: "Yes, please!"

We have had such a wonderful time eating good ripe peaches. We have peaches and cream for breakfast every morning and peach ice cream and peaches between meals and now we are enjoying watermelons. We shout for joy when Retha gets two great big one out of the fridgidaire and we eat until we can't eat any longer!!

Esther Archer and Sarah Donaldson our cooks, have been gone two weeks and Retha has been chief cook and dishwasher. Know she'll be glad when the girls get back.

We almost forgot to tell you we have a new baby—his name is Paul Burney. He is two years old and is perfectly at home with us—didn't cry but a few days.

Before we close—want to tell you, we have had worlds of beautiful flowers—just keep the cottage decorated all the time and we enjoy them so much you may know we love our home. Mrs. Coppedge said Evelyn cried to come back to the Baby Cottage when she was on her vacation.

## LOTTIE WALKER First Floor



Here you come—wanting news — when you ought to know Monday A. M. is a very busy morning with big girls, with house cleaning, laundry work, cottages, and various sundry things that come up on Monday. You know, we don't work on Sundays and we have a lot to do on Monday.

Quite a number of things have taken place since our last letter for the paper.

vacation has come and gone with most of us big girls and we certainly had a good time at home; and as so good to be with home folks. But we are glad to be back and at work again.

We are very sorry to lose one of our old girls—Elizabeth Rand. We all loved Elizabeth and loved to work in the groups with her, but the time has come for her to make a change, and we hope she will be happy in her new home.

We have had such a quantity of fruit recently; apples first and then peaches galore; then next came watermelons by the truck loads from the MacDonald Farm. We ate and ate until we thought we would choke. Thanks to you, Mr. Johnston, for planting a whole big patch of watermelons. (You are always planning something good for us.)

Mrs. Walker (or Miss McEachin, as we want to call her,) spent a few days with us last week. She enjoyed being here again but there were so few aces that were familiar her visit brought another. Mrs. Grier who was once Synods Cottage matron for eight or ten years, and did not change her a bit.

Miss Lackey has been sick for quite awhile and Miss Patterson has had the kitchen.

Mrs. L. L. Moore is substituting at Howard Cottage for Miss Woods. Her daughter, Mrs. Pollock, is spending a few days with her. We expect Miss Woods back next Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lowrance spent a few days at Banner Elk last week. I am sure they enjoyed it.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Privette are spending their two weeks' vacation traveling through Virginia. They expect to visit friends in Baltimore before their return. They report a nice time so far; also having seen Miss Harrison, one of our teachers, at Elkton, Va. I feel sure they will get a lot of pleasure out of this trip.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. O'Kelley left August 2nd for their vacation.

We are glad to know that Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Johnson struck a stump. What might have been a serious accident on their way home was avoided when their car skidded off an embankment, and the stump saved a complete turnover. We hope they are having a good rest and will soon be back, as we miss them.

In Mr. Brown's absence Mr. Payne Brown of Statesville supplied the pulpit at Little Joe's the fifth Sunday in July. We enjoyed having him with us.

We are hoping for Mr. Brown, who is at Banner Elk, a good rest and that he will come back refreshed for his work at Barium Springs.

## INFIRMARY

These days have been busy over at the Infirmary.

Robert Pittman has just returned from the hospital after having his appendix removed.

Pearl Beaver and Mozelle Beck have returned from their vacations, Allie Crook, Matha Beattie and Minnie McArten are still away. Mrs. Purdy will spend her vacation in Greenwood, S. C.

This has been home-coming week for some of the old workers. Mrs. W. T. Walker, (Miss Janie McEachin) of Millboro Va., came down from Montreat to spend the week end.

Mrs. Walker came here under Rev. Boyd and left in 1920. She found a few of the children here who were here when she left.

Mrs. Heppy Grier of Charlotte who was matron of Synods for seven years spent the day with us also.

Mrs. Karriker, better known to us all as Miss Brown of the Infirmary, spent a few days with all of us as she is known to all the teachers and children who are here now.

Miss Winifred Wilcox, who did such faithful service during flu at Barium, made us a short visit this month. Miss Wilcox is matron at Thornwell Orphanage, Clinton, S. C. now.

## HOWARD COTTAGE



Who said we would pull our fruit before it was ripe? Mr. Johnston asked us not, and we didn't! Now we are having all sorts of good apples and peaches.

We are grateful for these and all the other joys that come with summer time—for the huge delicious watermelons and good vegetables that the boys bring in—for the clothing boxes which come to us, from the least baby to the greatest, for the opportunity to go out for a week or two into the world to discover that the land is full of christian homes as busy and happy as our own at Barium Springs, and for the contributions which never fail to come from those who love and care for the Lord's favored children of P. O. H.

We welcome into our home circle four girls who have out-grown Annie Louise Cottage (in school grades.) We are sorry to lose those of our number who know too much to tarry longer at Howard Cottage. They are well trained and faithful little housekeepers. We prophesy that they will be useful in their new homes.

Every week we come and go—each enjoying vacations but always glad to get home again. In fact that is half the fun of going away.

Our matron, Miss Woods, is absent. We miss her daily although we have taken in a whole family including baby Larry to fill her place.

In less than a month our dear teachers will come back, the dining room will again be filled, school will open and our rising Seniors and all will get into place and routine work will begin. "Life is one continual round of pleasure".

—P. O. H.—

## LOTTIE WALKER Second Floor

This July weather is entirely too hot to write letters for publication, but we must let you know that some of us are here at home even if it is vacation time.

Quite a number of our girls have had their vacations. At one time we had only nine girls on our floor but they are coming back now and occasionally we have a case of home sickness for a while but we soon get over it and begin to plan for vacation next year.

While Mrs. Hill was away on her vacation Mrs. Moore took care of us and one evening after supper went with us on a truck ride, we went beyond Taylorsville and had a grand time but it was pretty cool coming back.

We certainly enjoyed Mrs. Moore but missed Mrs. Hill and we were glad to have her back after her stay at Montreat.

We were glad to see our old friend Miss McEachin come back for the week end. She was one of our workers here until Rev. Mr. Walker, a former Supt. of this home, persuaded her to reside over his household.

We certainly were glad today when we saw two trucks drive in loaded with watermelons from our McDonal farm. We wanted to begin eating right away but since they had had a hot ride we decided to place them in cold storage until to-morrow. Come on in and help us eat iced melon!

Don't that sound good?

—P. O. H.—

## MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS

Washington, Mr. C. H. Sterling, fish dealer, one bbl. fish.

Pinctops, Mrs. W. M. Webb, dolls and bean bags for Baby Cottage.

Wilson, Box of dolls and toys, Rev. E. C. Lynch's young people.

Glenwood, E. Watrons, dolls, bean bags, baby bed spread and two pillow cases.

Washington, donation shoes, Mr. L. J. Berry, shoe dealer.

—P. O. H.—

## MISCELLANEOUS SUPPORT

L. Collins 5.00  
O. J. Thies 15.00  
Mrs. W. B. Millner, Reidsville 5.00  
C. F. Stewart 5.00  
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## SUPPORT FUND

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| Concord Iredell Church                      | 11.25      |
| Aux. Pollocksville                          | 5.00       |
| Jonesboro S. S.                             | 7.27       |
| Aux. Salisbury 2nd                          | 5.00       |
| Aux. Rocky Mt. 1st                          | 21.00      |
| Aux. Lexington                              | 1.60       |
| Jefferson Church                            | 1.88       |
| Mocksville Church                           | 3.60       |
| Mt. Airy Church                             | 2.82       |
| N. Wilkesboro Church                        | 21.04      |
| N. Wilkesboro S. S.                         | 34.68      |
| Reynolds Church                             | 7.00       |
| Lansing Church                              | 1.06       |
| W. Jefferson Church                         | .94        |
| Aux. Smithfield                             | 4.00       |
| Young Men's Bible Class                     |            |
| Statesville 1st                             | 25.55      |
| Hope Mills S. S.                            | 32.06      |
| Union Mills S. S.                           | 1.15       |
| Aux. Charlotte 2nd                          | 1,005.00   |
| Immanuel Church                             | 45.00      |
| Jackson Springs S. S.                       | 16.15      |
| Aux. Rocky Point                            | 5.00       |
| Jennie K. Hill's Bible Class, Rocky Mt. 1st | 5.00       |
| Aux. Back Creek                             | 1.00       |
| Caldwell Mem. Church                        | 97.44      |
| Montpelah S. S.                             | 16.88      |
| Ashpole S. S.                               | 5.92       |
| McPherson S. S.                             | 8.13       |
| Aux. Circle 1, 2 & 3 Glenwood               | 3.00       |
| Aux. Broadway                               | 9.85       |
| Rocky River S. S.                           | 23.30      |
| Boy's S. S. Class, Tenth Ave.               | 5.00       |
| Lakeview S. S.                              | 4.22       |
| Aux. Lenoir                                 | 10.00      |
| S. S. Front St.                             | 7.18       |
| W. B. Class Salisbury 1st                   | 10.00      |
| Waughtown Church                            | 4.37       |
| Fairmont S. S.                              | 6.90       |
| Aux. Wm. and Mary Hart                      | 5.00       |
| Bluff S. S.                                 | 17.20      |
| Little Joe's S. S.                          | 2.50       |
| Pittsboro S. S.                             | 3.50       |
| Hopewell S. S.                              | 5.50       |
| Aux. Circle 4, Greensboro 1st.              | 3.00       |
| Cramerton S. S.                             | 4.12       |
| S. S. Durham 1st.                           | 35.00      |
| Rutherfordorderton S. S.                    | 6.99       |
| Aux. Lowell                                 | 1.00       |
| Elmwood S. S.                               | 1.16       |
| S. S. Concord 1st                           | 95.79      |
| D. V. B. S. Kenly                           | 2.50       |
| Aux. Cramerton                              | 6.00       |
| Antioch Church                              | 6.75       |
| Olney S. S.                                 | 10.00      |
| Vass S. S.                                  | 10.04      |
| Aux. Bethpage                               | 1.00       |
| Spencer S. S.                               | 45.68      |
| Huntersville S. S.                          | 38.10      |
| Men's Bible Class, Rocky Mt. 1st            | 7.90       |
| Armstrong Mem. Church                       | 21.00      |
| TOTAL                                       | \$4,450.32 |